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Summary

As of April 1, 1988, China maintained diplomatic relations with 135 states and continued to try to isolate Taiwan diplomatically in the Third World. Taiwan currently is recognized by 22 states, most of which are in Central America and the Caribbean. Among the states that still have diplomatic relations with Taiwan are the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, and South Africa.

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A. Countries having diplomatic relations with China (135)
(dates of recognition/establishment of relations in parentheses)

Afghanistan (Jan. 1950/Jan. 1955)	Central African Republic (Sept. 1964/Aug. 1976) ^{5/}
Albania (Nov. 1949/Nov. 1949)	Chad (Nov. 1972/Mar. 1973)
Algeria (Dec. 1958/July 1962) ^{1/}	Chile (Dec. 1970/Jan. 1971)
Angola (Jan. 1983/Jan. 1983)	Colombia (Feb. 1980/June 1980)
Antigua and Barbuda (Jan. 1983/Jan. 1983)	Comoros (Nov. 1975/Oct. 1976)
Argentina (Feb. 1972/Aug. 1972)	Congo (Feb. 1964/Feb. 1964)
Australia (Dec. 1972/Aug. 1973)	Cote d'Ivoire (Mar. 1983/Mar. 1983)
Austria (May 1971/May 1971)	Cuba (Sept. 1960/Sept. 1960)
Bangladesh (Oct. 1975/Jan. 1976)	Cyprus (Jan. 1972/June 1972)
Barbados (May 1977/Apr. 1978)	Czechoslovakia (Oct. 1949/Oct. 1949)
Belgium (Oct. 1971/Apr. 1971)	Denmark (Jan. 1950/May 1950)
Belize (Feb. 1987/Feb. 1987)	Djibouti (Jan. 1979/Mar. 1980)
Benin (Nov. 1964/Dec. 1972) ^{2/}	Ecuador (Jan. 1980/July 1980)
Bolivia (July 1985/July 1985)	Egypt (May 1956/May 1956)
Botswana (Jan. 1975/Apr. 1975)	Equatorial Guinea (Oct. 1970/Dec. 1970)
Brazil (Aug. 1974/Dec. 1974)	Ethiopia (Dec. 1970/Dec. 1970)
Bulgaria (Oct. 1949/Oct. 1949)	Fiji (Nov. 1975/Apr. 1976)
Burkina (Sept. 1973/Oct. 1973)	Finland (Jan. 1950/Oct. 1950)
Burma (Dec. 1949/June 1950)	France (Jan. 1964/Jan. 1964)
Burundi (Dec. 1963/Oct. 1971) ^{3/}	Gabon (Apr. 1974/June 1974)
Cambodia (July 1958/May 1970) ^{4/}	Gambia, The (Dec. 1974/Jan. 1975)
Cameroon (Mar. 1971/Mar. 1971)	
Canada (Oct. 1970/Oct. 1970)	
Cape Verde (Apr. 1976/Oct. 1976)	

- ^{1/} China recognized the Provisional Algerian Government in December 1958 and the Republic of Algeria in July 1962.
- ^{2/} Formerly Dahomey. China recognized Dahomey in November 1964. Relations were severed in January 1966 and reestablished in December 1972.
- ^{3/} Burundi was recognized initially in December 1963. Relations were suspended in January 1965 and reestablished in October 1971.
- ^{4/} China recognizes the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea (CGDK), not the People's Republic of Kampuchea (PRK).
- ^{5/} Formerly Central African Empire. China recognized the CAE in September 1964. Relations were suspended in January 1966 and resumed in August 1976.

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Germany, East - German Democratic Republic (Oct. 1949/Oct. 1949)	Madagascar (Nov. 1972/Jan. 1973)
Germany, West - Federal Republic of Germany (Oct. 1972/Oct. 1972)	Malaysia (Nov. 1971/May 1974)
Ghana (July 1960/Feb. 1972) ^{6/}	Maldives (Oct. 1972/Oct. 1972)
Greece (June 1972/Nov. 1972)	Mali (Oct. 1960/Oct. 1960)
Grenada (Oct. 1985/Sept. 1986)	Malta (Jan. 1972/June 1972)
Guinea (Oct. 1959/Oct. 1959)	Mauritania (July 1965/July 1965)
Guinea-Bissau (Mar. 1974/Mar. 1975)	Mauritius (Apr. 1968/May 1972)
Guyana (Feb. 1972/June 1975)	Mexico (Feb. 1972/May 1972)
Hungary (Oct. 1949/Oct. 1949)	Mongolia (Oct. 1949/Oct. 1949)
Iceland (Dec. 1971/May 1972)	Morocco (Oct. 1958/Nov. 1958)
India (Dec. 1949/Aug. 1950)	Mozambique (June 1975/June 1975)
Iran (Aug. 1971/Aug. 1971)	Nepal (Aug. 1955/Aug. 1955)
Iraq (July 1958/Aug. 1958)	Netherlands (Mar. 1950/Nov. 1954)
Ireland (June 1979/Feb. 1980)	New Zealand (Dec. 1972/Mar. 1973)
Italy (Nov. 1970/Nov. 1970)	Nicaragua (Dec. 1985/July 1986)
Jamaica (Nov. 1972/Mar. 1973)	Niger (July 1974/Aug. 1974)
Japan (Sept. 1972/Sept. 1972)	Nigeria (Feb. 1971/Feb. 1971)
Jordan (Apr. 1977/June 1977)	Norway (Jan. 1950/Oct. 1954)
Kenya (Dec. 1963/Jan. 1964)	Oman (Dec. 1978/Dec. 1978)
Kiribati (June 1980/June 1980)	Pakistan (Jan. 1950/May 1951)
Korea, North - Democratic People's Republic of Korea (Oct. 1949/Oct. 1949)	Papua New Guinea (Oct. 1976/Oct. 1980)
Kuwait (Mar. 1971/Oct. 1971)	Peru (Aug. 1971/Nov. 1971)
Laos (June 1962/Sept. 1962)	Philippines (June 1975/Sept. 1975)
Lebanon (Nov. 1971/Nov. 1971)	Poland (Oct. 1949/Oct. 1949)
Lesotho (Apr. 1983/Apr. 1983)	Portugal (Feb. 1979/May 1979)
Liberia (Feb. 1977/Mar. 1977)	Romania (Oct. 1949/Oct. 1949)
Libya (Apr. 1978/Aug. 1978) ^{7/}	Rwanda (Nov. 1971/May 1972)
Luxembourg (Nov. 1972/Dec. 1973)	San Marino (May 1971) ^{8/}
	Sao Tome and Principe (July 1975/Apr. 1976)
	Senegal (Dec. 1971/May 1972)
	Seychelles (June 1976/Mar. 1977)

^{6/} Ghana was recognized in July 1960. Relations were suspended in November 1966 and resumed in February 1972.

^{7/} Libya unilaterally announced recognition of China in 1971, but formal relations were not established until the representatives of Taiwan departed Tripoli in 1978.

^{8/} San Marino has only consular-level relations with China.

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Sierra Leone (July 1971/July 1971)	United Kingdom (June 1950/June 1954)
Somalia (Dec. 1960/Dec. 1960)	United States (Jan. 1979/Mar. 1979)
Soviet Union (Oct. 1949/Oct. 1949)	Uruguay (Feb. 1988/Feb. 1988)
Spain (Mar. 1973/June 1973)	
Sri Lanka (Jan. 1950/Feb. 1957)	Vanuatu (Mar. 1982/Mar. 1982)
Sudan (Dec. 1958/Dec. 1958)	Venezuela (June 1974/Sept. 1974)
Suriname (May 1976/Jan. 1977)	Vietnam (Jan. 1950/Jan. 1950) ^{11/}
Sweden (Jan. 1950/May 1950)	Western Samoa (Nov. 1976/Nov. 1976)
Switzerland (Jan. 1950/Sept. 1950)	
Syria (Aug. 1956/Aug. 1956)	Yemen, North - Yemen Arab Republic (Aug. 1956/Sept. 1956)
Tanzania (Oct. 1964/Oct. 1964) ^{9/}	Yemen, South - People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (Dec. 1967/Jan. 1968)
Thailand (July 1975/Sept. 1975)	Yugoslavia (Oct. 1949/Jan. 1955)
Togo (Sept. 1972/Nov. 1972)	
Trinidad and Tobago (June 1974/Apr. 1975)	Zaire (Nov. 1972/Jan. 1973)
Tunisia (Jan. 1964/Oct. 1971) ^{10/}	Zambia (Oct. 1964/Oct. 1964)
Turkey (Aug. 1971/Aug. 1971)	Zimbabwe (Apr. 1980/June 1980)
Uganda (Oct. 1962/Oct. 1962)	
United Arab Emirates (Nov. 1984/Nov. 1984)	

B. Countries that recognize but have no official relations with China (3)

Bhutan (Oct. 1971): Recognition is based on vote in UN to admit China and expel representatives of Taipei.

Indonesia (Apr. 1950): Diplomatic relations were frozen in 1965 following a coup attempt which Jakarta accused Beijing of supporting. Direct trade resumed in July 1985.

Israel (Jan. 1950): Israel has not been recognized by China.

^{9/} China recognized Tanganyika in December 1961, Zanzibar in January 1964, and Tanzania in October 1964.

^{10/} Relations with Tunisia were suspended in 1967 and reestablished in October 1971.

^{11/} Prior to the July 1976 formation of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, China had separate relations with North Vietnam (January 1950) and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam (June 1969).

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C. Countries maintaining diplomatic relations with Taiwan (22)

Costa Rica ^{12/}	St. Christopher and Nevis
Dominica	St. Lucia
Dominican Republic	St. Vincent and the
El Salvador	Grenadines
Guatemala	
Haiti	Saudi Arabia
Honduras	Solomon Islands ^{14/}
Korea, South - Republic	South Africa
of Korea	Swaziland
Malawi	Tonga
Nauru	Tuvalu
Panama ^{13/}	Vatican City
Paraguay	

D. Countries which neither recognize nor have official relations with China or Taiwan (5)

Bahamas, The	Qatar
Bahrain ^{15/}	Singapore ^{15/}
Brunei	

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^{12/} A staff office of the official Chinese Xinhua News Agency has been located in Costa Rica since April 1979.

^{13/} The Xinhua News Agency has had a news office in Panama since May 1973.

^{14/} Taiwan upgraded its mission in the Solomon Islands from Consulate General to Embassy on September 16, 1985.

^{15/} Bahrain and Singapore have permitted Taiwan to establish trade missions which also handle consular matters. These states do not consider this as recognition and have no missions in Taiwan. Singapore has a trade mission in Beijing.

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